



## Senate

General Assembly

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**File No. 394**

Senate Bill No. 1119

*Senate, April 23, 2001*

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. HARP of the 10th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

### ***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF PSYCHOLOGISTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 20-190 of the general statutes is repealed and the following  
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 [The Department of Public Health may grant a license without  
4 examination to any applicant who] An applicant for licensure by  
5 endorsement shall present evidence satisfactory to the Department of  
6 Public Health that the applicant is a currently practicing, competent  
7 practitioner and who at the time of application is licensed or certified  
8 by a similar board of another state whose standards, in the opinion of  
9 the department, are substantially similar to, or higher than, those of  
10 this state, [provided the department is satisfied that the applicant  
11 understands Connecticut laws and regulations relating to the practice  
12 of psychology] or that the applicant holds a current certificate of  
13 professional qualification in psychology from the Association of State  
14 and Provincial Psychology Boards. The department may waive the

15 examination for any person holding a diploma from a nationally  
16 recognized board or agency approved by the department, with the  
17 consent of the board of examiners. [, provided the department is  
18 satisfied that the person] The department may require such applicant  
19 to provide satisfactory evidence that the applicant understands  
20 Connecticut laws and regulations relating to the practice of  
21 psychology. The fee for such license shall be four hundred fifty dollars.  
22 No license shall be issued under this section to any applicant against  
23 whom professional disciplinary action is pending or who is the subject  
24 of an unresolved complaint. The department shall inform the board  
25 annually of the number of applications it receives for licensure by  
26 endorsement under this section.

**PH**            *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Potential Minimal Revenue Gain

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Public Health

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation****State Impact:**

A potential minimal revenue gain will result for the Department of Public Health to the extent that additional persons seek licensure as a psychologist and pay a \$450 initial and \$450 renewal license fee. The number of additional persons who may seek licensure cannot be determined at this time.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

SB 1119

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF PSYCHOLOGISTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill allows the Department of Public Health to issue a psychologist's license by endorsement to a person having a current certificate of professional qualification from the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards (ASPPB).

While the bill does not define "licensure by endorsement", it generally means that the state can grant a practitioner licensed in another state a license to practice in this state if his professional credentials satisfy the state's licensing requirements. Existing law allows DPH to license as a psychologist an applicant who is a currently practicing and competent practitioner with a license from another state with standards substantially equivalent to Connecticut's. The bill adds the additional endorsement option using the ASPPB certificate process.

By law, DPH can require the applicant to provide satisfactory evidence that he understands Connecticut law on psychology practice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**BACKGROUND*****ASPPB***

ASPPB, based in Montgomery, Alabama, is an alliance of state, territorial, and provincial boards responsible for the licensure and certification of psychologists throughout the United States and Canada. ASPPB maintains programs to assist state psychology boards in handling licensure applications from individuals already licensed to practice in another state or jurisdiction. One of these is the "certificate of professional qualification" (CPQ). ASPPB issues CPQs to

psychologists licensed in this country or Canada who meet standards of educational preparation, supervised experience, and examination performance, and who have practiced for a minimum of five years and have no history of disciplinary action. ASPPB then encourages state licensing boards to accept the CPQ as evidence of eligibility for licensure.

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 25      Nay 0